

108TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. RES. 254

Commending the Florida Marlins baseball team for winning the 2003 World Series.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 29, 2003

Mr. NELSON of Florida (for himself and Mr. GRAHAM of Florida) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Commending the Florida Marlins baseball team for winning the 2003 World Series.

Whereas on October 25, 2003, the Florida Marlins defeated the New York Yankees, 2 to 0, in Game 6 of the World Series, to capture their second World Series title in the 11 seasons of the franchise;

Whereas the Florida Marlins became the first visiting team to celebrate a World Series championship in Yankee Stadium since the Los Angeles Dodgers in 1981;

Whereas under the leadership of manager Jack McKeon, general manager Larry Beinfest, and team owner Jeffrey Loria, the Marlins compiled the best record in baseball since May 23, 2003, becoming only the ninth team in Major League Baseball history to rebound from at least 10 games under .500 to reach the playoffs;

Whereas each player, manager, coach, trainer, and administrator of the Florida Marlins contributed to a magical turnaround that resulted in the Florida Marlins reaching the pinnacle of the sport, a World Series Championship;

Whereas the manager of the Florida Marlins, Jack McKeon, became the oldest manager in Major League Baseball history to win the World Series, and led Florida to the title after joining the team in May of 2003;

Whereas Florida Marlins pitcher Josh Beckett was named World Series Most Valuable Player, after pitching a complete game, 5 hit shutout, on 3 days rest in Yankee Stadium during Game 6 of the World Series;

Whereas young stars like Miguel Cabrera, Juan Pierre, and Luis Castillo combined with established veterans like Ivan Rodriguez and Jeff Conine to produce an exciting, never-say-die team that won over fans around the country during an unexpected march to the World Series;

Whereas the Florida Marlins upset the San Francisco Giants in 4 games to win the Division Series, then stunned the Chicago Cubs by coming back from a 3 games to 1 deficit to win the National League Championship Series in 7 games; and

Whereas fans of the Florida Marlins and the South Florida community demonstrated commendable team support and pride: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) congratulates the Florida Marlins for win-
3 ning the 2003 World Series;

4 (2) recognizes the achievements of the players,
5 coaches, and support staff who were instrumental in

1 securing a second World Series title for the Florida
2 Marlins;

3 (3) commends the support and pride of the fans
4 of the Florida Marlins; and

5 (4) directs the Secretary of the Senate to trans-
6 mit for appropriate display an enrolled copy of this
7 resolution to—

8 (A) the owner of the Florida Marlins, Jef-
9 frey Loria;

10 (B) the general manager of the Florida
11 Marlins, Larry Beinfest;

12 (C) the manager of the Florida Marlins,
13 Jack McKeon; and

14 (D) each player and coach of the 2003
15 World Series Champion Florida Marlins base-
16 ball team.

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